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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 3 January 1951, the Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield was occupied by 36 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, 17 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes, and 4 biplanes. (1) Flights were made daily with the single-engine and twin-engine aircraft between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with the weather permitting. 25X1

2. On 10 January, truck [] with 14 pilots, went towards Staaken (N 53/Z 65). The truck belonged to the air unit at Schoenwalde. It returned to Schoenwalde on 11 January. From conversations heard among the pilots it was learned that between 7 and 11 p.m. on 10 January, they made practice flights with heavy transports stationed at the Staaken airfield. (2) 25X1

3. On 12 January between 7 and 9 p.m., biplanes were flying at the airfield.

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5. Captain Vazilenkov, (fnu), political officer [] was transferred to Potsdam. The mess officer [] was Lieutenant Colonel Kaborov, (fnu). 25X1

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6. Members of the flying and ground personnel, who were transferred almost daily, were immediately replaced. Soviet officers returning from furlough in the Soviet Union said that all officers who returned from leave during January had to go on furlough again in two or three weeks.

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7. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] Pilots, navigators, and technicians lived in the same building, 25X1
pilots and navigators usually lived in the same room. Each plane was under
supervision of a technical officer who was charged with its maintenance.

8. [REDACTED] the pilots were given better food, 25X1
including milk, eggs, and meat, than the technical officers. All EM received
the same regular rations.

9. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] Additional barracks buildings at the field were occupied by 25X1
officers and EM wearing yellow-bordered, blue epaulets.

10. On 2 and 3 January, several groups of artillery officers and EM who wore red-
bordered, black epaulets were seen at the field, although no AA guns were em-
placed there. The guns which were previously seen were allegedly removed at
night. (6) Air force units were repeatedly seen drilling on the field.

[REDACTED] Comments. 25X1

- (1) The number and type of aircraft observed indicate that the occupation of the
field has apparently not changed. One ground attack regiment and one air re-
connaissance regiment are believed to be stationed in Schoenwalde. The ground
attack regiment is equipped with IL-10s and some trainers of IL-2 and UIL-10
types. The air reconnaissance regiment is equipped with PW-2s and TU-2s.
- (2) Night flights were possibly made in Staaken because the Staaken airfield has
better lighting facilities than the Schoenwalde.
- (3) The notes indicate that stunt flying was done with UIL-10s and PC-2s.
- (4) Gds Lieutenant (Tech) Smirnov, (fnu), was previously reported to be a member
of the ground attack regiment, stationed in Schoenwalde. [REDACTED] Gds 25X1
Major Zheltukhin, (fnu), was previously reported to be the commander of the 2d
AF Squadron of the ground attack regiment. [REDACTED] 25X1

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